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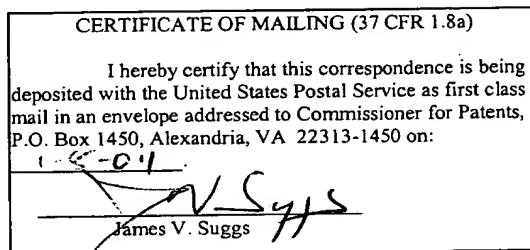
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Borrelli *et al.*
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Title : DEEP UV LASER INTERNALLY INDUCED DENSIFICATION
IN SILICA GLASSES
Art Unit : 1731
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed December 18, 2003, please find attached a corrected copy of the "Amendments to the Claims" section of Applicant's Amendment filed on December 1, 2003. The status identifiers for claims 46 and 47 have been changed from "new claim" to "new." The listing of claims is otherwise identical to that filed on December 1.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is necessary to make this Response timely. Should Applicant be in error, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) as necessary to make this Reply timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

Please direct any questions or comments to James V. Suggs at 607/974-3606.

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